

ABSTRACT

This inventory of the natural areas, biological communities, and rare species of Harnett County was funded by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund. The inventory was co-sponsored by the Sandhills Area Land Trust. This inventory identifies the most significant natural areas in the county, describes their features, and documents all natural communities and rare species of plants and animals associated with them. Habitat conditions, natural processes, and threats are also described. The inventory is intended to provide guidance for land use decisions by the county government, conservation and land management organizations, and interested citizens. Field work was carried out by Bruce A. Sorrie of the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program during late 2004, 2005, and 2006. The inventory identifies 20 areas of significance at the national, state, regional, and county level, as determined by criteria established by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program.

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